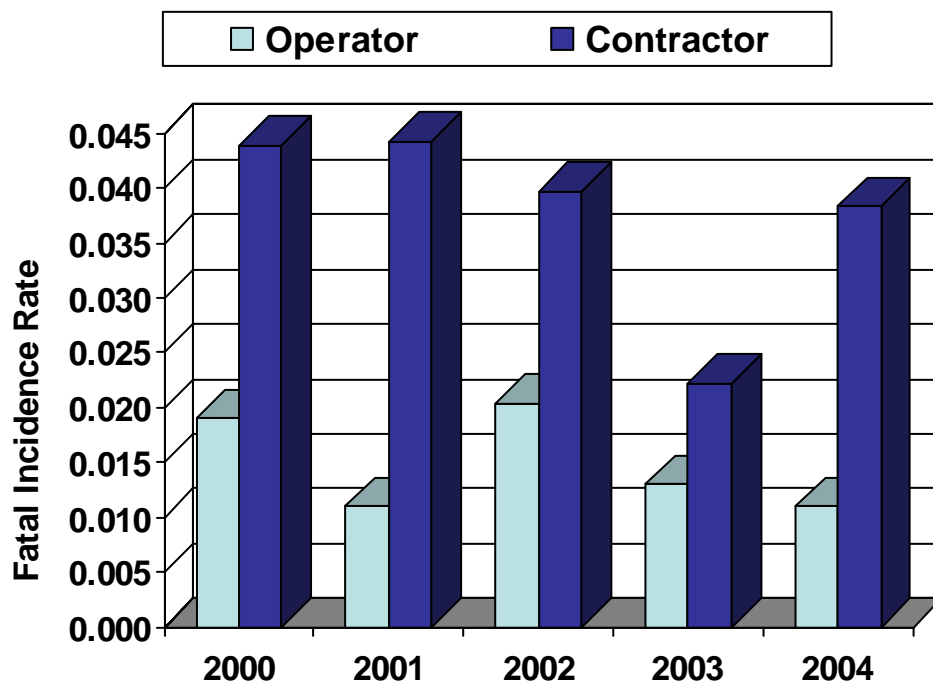


Contracting Should Not be an Act of Survival

31 Contractors have died at Metal and Nonmetal Mines since 2001



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Best Practices for Contractors to Reduce Fatalities

- Contractors should restrict access, using warning signs indicating the hazards and/or barricades, to areas where hazards may exist that are not apparent to employees.
- Contractors should ensure that employees stay in assigned work areas and not be permitted to venture into unfamiliar or unassigned areas.
- Contractors should monitor new employees closely.
- Independent contractors working on mine property are "miners" and must comply with MSHA regulations.
- Contractors shall ensure that all equipment brought onto mine property is in safe working condition and that all safety features are in good operation order.

Best Practices for Mine Operators to Reduce Contractor Fatalities

- Take Responsibility for the Safety and Health of all Persons Working at the Mine Site.
- Properly train Contractors in Site Specific Hazards and Standard Operating Procedures.
- Post these Procedures in a Prominent Place for Everyone to Review.
- Coordinate the Contractor's Activities
- Evaluate the Contractor's Past Safety and Health Performance Prior to Awarding Contracts.
- Monitor Contractors to Ensure that Procedures are followed.
- Assure that all Contractor's Equipment is in Safe Operating Condition.